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As an American citizen and computer user, I am opposed to the proposed settlement of the current Federal Microsoft antitrust case.

I am a strong proponent of capitalism. History has proven that capitalism is the most effective way to create a strong industry that provides service for the consumer. History has also shown that capitalism fails if a company gains a monopoly in their industry, and focuses their efforts on crushing competition using methods OTHER than providing superior or more efficient service.

Microsoft is just such a monopoly, and the courts have accepted that they have done exactly such actions. The proposed settlement does nothing to prevent them from continuing such actions. Microsoft's treatment of the 1995 consent decree and their actions in the courtroom show that they have little respect for such settlements. Since the proposed settlement would allow Microsoft to essentially choose their own definitions for certain terms, and has little in the way of enforcement, it will have little to effect in preventing their criminal actions.

I cannot accept the proposed settlement as an effective remedy to the criminal acts that Microsoft has been found guilty of.